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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE LAW OF AUTOMOBILES. Xenophon P. Huddy. Fourth edition by Howard C. Joyce. Pp. xxxii-576. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender & Company, Inc., 1916.

The first edition of this work appeared in 1906, when the automobile was still a novelty and its extensive commercial use had hardly been dreamed. The fact that a fourth edition has been demanded by the profession speaks well for the work, which has become a standard one on this subject. The remarkable increase in the number of motor vehicles, both pleasure and commercial, on our highways, has filled court dockets with litigation involving their use and misuse. In the trial of these cases new questions have arisen, many of which had not been decided by the appellate courts when the third edition appeared in 1912. There are still some interesting questions of evidence and negligence to be passed upon by the Supreme Court, as for instance, whether evidence is admissible that the defendant did not have an unpaid-operator's license, or, whether the owner is liable for the negligence of a member of his family for whose use the machine was purchased, and who was operating it for his own pleasure with the express or implied consent of the owner.

It is believed that the author of the present edition has collected all the decisions of the courts of last resort on these mooted points, and they are well classified under the appropriate subjects. On the unsettled points, the citation of more lower court cases would be helpful to the attorney engaged in trying automobile accident cases. A decided merit is the accuracy and judgment shown in the selection of cases to support the text. The book is not open to the criticism so commonly made of text-books, that the citations too often do not support the statements of the law by the author. There is, however, considerable unnecessary repetition of well-established principles. The revisor seems to have addressed his text to the layman as well as the lawyer, which plan results in a waste of time in the use of the book by the practicing attorney.

Chapters on the law of insurance as it affects automobiles, and the status and regulation of "jitneys," have been added to the earlier editions. The rapid development of the law on the general subject assures the new edition a hearty welcome at the hands of the profession.

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PROFIT SHARING BY AMERICAN EMPLOYERS. Pp. 261. New York: Welfare Department, National Civic Federation, 1916.

In the preparation of this volume, the National Civic Federation has assumed the role of statistician and compiler rather than that of author or commentator. Upon turning the last page, the reader feels that the book is a comprehensive exposition of the cold facts of profit sharing, analyzed and set out in the careful impartial manner of the scientific investigator. Opinions of representatives of both capital and labor are quoted but the